more on the merits of the matter when the discussion comes later on. Whether up on the facts said by the Hon'ble Member for Labour there is a matter of public importance fit to be discussed in this House.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* May I say one word by way of explanation. The motion for adjournment turns round the question whether the Government have acted right after knowing that there has been a lock-out. The question is whether the Government should not have prosecuted already the management for having locked out these workers. I submit that the Government have stated that they will not take any action on that point. The matter came to the notice of the Government recently and the police is enquiring into the case. We have to refer the matter to our legal officer and only after ascertaining their views can we decide whether this will come under notification No. 57, dated 23rd October 1945. It is too early to say what action Government are going to take in this matter and unless that is known it is correct to say that Government have acted wrongly. Therefore it is premature now to bring such a motion before this House.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It has already been very much prolonged. Therefore the labourers will be coerced.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The question before this House now is whether the Government have acted right or wrong after receiving information on this matter. I submit that Government are making enquiries in this matter. We have to receive the Police Commissioner's report about the matter and we have to refer it to our legal officers because the question is not so easy as it pretended to be. This notification will apply only to Industries which are for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community. Whether this particular establishment wi l come under the purview of this no ification is a real point of doubt and that point has to be decided.

Mr. President: I do not think that there should be any further discussion at this stage. I shall consider the admissibility of this motion and give my ruling after questions to-morrow.

Announcement of Panel Chairmen

Mr. President: I have now to announce that I have appointed to the Panel of the Chairman Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon.

Announcement regarding election of Members to the Advisory Committee for Labour

Mr. President: The election of the two members to the Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday. Nominations will be received by the Secretary to the Legislative Council up to 5 p m. to-morrow, Tuesday 27th November 1945.

Announcement of Bills assented and dissented to by H. H. the Maharaja

Secretary to the Council: Under S. O. 5 (2) I have to announce the bills assented to and dissented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Bills assented to.—

(1) Preservation of Eries Bill.
(2) The dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill.
(3) The Cochin Arbitration Bi l.
(4) The Cochin Industrial S.atistics Bill.

Bills dissented to.—

(1) The Cochin Specific Relief Act (Amendment Bill) by Mr. K. Narayana Menon.

Condolence motion on the demise of Mr. M. P. Cheriyan

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* With your permission I wish to move the following condolence motion for the consideration and acceptance of this House.

> "This House places on records its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. M. P. Cheriyan, who had been for some time the Joint Secretary to Government and an official Member of this House."

Several Members of this House will remember Mr. Cheriyan who was one of the earliest Joint Secretaries of this Government. With his very affable manners and easy accessible nature

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he was a very popular Member of this House. Before that he was the Commissioner of Excise and then he was an official Member in this House. Before that he was the District Judge and most of his services was in the Judicial Department. He rendered very valuable services to the Government and he was also a very useful Member to this House. I request that the House now may place its deep sense of sorrow on his death.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* On behalf of the Nationalist party I wish to associate myself with all that has been stated by the Hon'ble Mover. I on my part would like to add a few words. I had not had the occasion to come into contact with Mr. Cheriyan in his capacities as a Member of this House. But I know enough of him both as a Judge and as a Munsiff. I can easily visualise how he was discharging his duties as a Member belonging to the Treasury Bench. He led the life of a true Christian. May his soul rest in peace!

***Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Ernakulam):* I wish to associate myself with all the sentiments of sorrow expressed by the Hon'ble Members of this House who spoke before me. Mr. Cheriyan who occupied several offices in the State both in the judiciary and executive, was a man of great integrity and uprightness. His death is a real loss to the State and I pray that his soul may rest in peace!

***Mrs. T. Francis** *(Women's-Ernakulam):* I wish to associate myself with all the tribute paid by the Secretary to the Government of Cochin and the other Members of this House. On behalf of my own personal acquaintance I wish to say a few words about Mr. Cheriyan. The late Mr. Cheriyan was well-known to me personally. He belongs to a very ancient family of Indian Christian Community of Cochin State of Mookkencheriyan Tarawad. He rose from the first step of the ladder to the highest step and he became the Joint Secretary. He did all he can in the way of his duties and was a loyal officer and tried to do justice all round. Mr. Cheriyan has served the Government in different capacities and he was a very popular officer, and in many different ways he was serviceable to everybody. Personally and in the official capacity I had the occasion to see him and speak to him many grievances. He always instilled great hopes to me in the official world. Amongst his colleagues he was always a domestic man who was going on very peacefully and justifiably. Among other people with grievances he used to instill hopes whenever occasion arose. Of course he was also an ideal member as the Head of the family. He was a loving father and a dutiful father and of course he was a dutiful member of his family. Besides during leisure hours he was a very agreeable companion. He was a pleasant companian to everybody and during evening hours he likes his friends visiting him and enjoying with them. May his soul rest in peace! We remember him and esteem him. After death we have not forgotten him.

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* I may also pay my last homage to the departed soul. Mr. Cheriyan belonged to one of the ancient Christian families of the State. Late Mr. Cheriyan has served the State truly and well. It may be well said that he was an upright Judge. As a Government servant other than a judicial officer, he was interested in the State affairs and at the same time the interests of the people at large were never unsafe in his hands. In his retired life he has done yoeman service to the community at large. His services as the President of the Conciliation Board that was functioning in the State for some time were unique. Persons who had opportunities to come into contact with him would have been struck with his humour of a penetrating kind. He was a very pleasant companion. It is such a person that has left us. May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. President: I wi l ask the Hon'ble Members who will associate themselves with this motion to stand in their places.

The motion was passed unanimously all the Members standing

Supplementary Grants

1-2-A (1) Printing Charges

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "2-A (1) Printing Charges".

The amount is required for adjusting the cost of the printed forms supplied and the charges for other items of printing relating to the Agricultural Department. For want of sufficient allotment the adjustment could not be effected in 1121 itself. The allotment of Rs. 750 for

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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